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1. Firmer US stand held needed for European integration--
Belgian Foreign Minister Van Zeeland has told US Ambassador Murphy in Brussels that he considers the progress of Western Europe toward economic integration to be "inadequate in volume and too slow in tempo." Van Zeeland deplored as somewhat impractical the tendency of US representatives to avoid taking any positive position toward proposals suggested by Europeans and expressed his belief that the policy of integration could succeed only if US representatives are willing to take positions regarding concrete suggestions offered by Europeans, even while making clear that eventual approval of a given proposition may lie with the US Congress.

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